

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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MR. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11825.]

The Committee on Agriculture, having had under consideration the estimates of appropriations required for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, respectfully submit the accompanying bill (H. R. 11825) and report as follows:

The total amount appropriated by this bill for the Department of Agriculture is \$5,711,240, and the amount carried by the act for the current fiscal year is \$5,478,160, showing a net increase for the coming year of \$233,080. (For the purposes of comparison the "emergency appropriation" for the eradication of the foot-and-mouth disease is not taken into consideration, as it was only a temporary appropriation and should not be considered as forming any part of the annual and regular appropriation for the maintenance of the Agricultural Department.)

After a very careful consideration and extended hearings—which included the Secretary of Agriculture and every chief of bureau and division of the Department—the judgment of the committee is that, although the estimates have not in all cases been allowed, the several amounts recommended will be ample to keep all branches of the Department of Agriculture in progressive motion, and will fully meet all the proper and justifiable demands of the country upon the Department.

This is particularly so when considered in connection with the increases allowed in recent years, as the following table will show:

For 1897-98 the appropriation was	\$3,182,902.
For 1898-99 it was	\$3,509,202, an increase of \$326,300.
For 1899-1900 it was	\$3,726,022, an increase of \$216,820.
For 1900-1901 it was	\$4,023,500, an increase of \$297,478.
For 1901-2 it was	\$4,582,420, an increase of \$558,920.
For 1902-3 it was	\$5,208,960, an increase of \$626,540.
For 1903-4 it was	\$5,478,160, an increase of \$269,200.
This bill carries	\$5,711,240, an increase of \$233,080.

The following table shows the appropriations made for the current fiscal year, and also those made by this bill for the coming fiscal year, for the different bureaus, divisions, and sections of the Department of Agriculture, and indicates specifically the increases contemplated:

	Appropriated for current fiscal year.	Appropriated by this bill (1904-5).	Increase.	Decrease.
Office of the Secretary .....	\$74,660	\$76,260	\$1,600	.....
Weather Bureau .....	1,248,520	1,333,740	85,220	.....
Bureau of Animal Industry .....	1,287,380	1,287,880	500	.....
Bureau of Plant Industry .....	674,930	702,930	28,000	.....
Bureau of Forestry .....	350,000	400,140	50,140	.....
Bureau of Chemistry .....	85,300	124,800	39,500	.....
Bureau of Soils .....	212,480	214,680	2,200	.....
Division of Entomology .....	77,450	77,950	500	.....
Division of Biology .....	51,850	50,850	.....	\$1,000
Division of Accounts .....	24,350	24,350	.....	.....
Division of Publications .....	229,320	240,640	11,320	.....
Bureau of Statistics .....	172,660	187,760	15,100	.....
Library .....	20,000	20,000	.....	.....
Museum .....	2,260	2,260	.....	.....
Contingent expenses Department of Agriculture .....	37,000	37,000	.....	.....
Experiment stations .....	810,000	810,000	.....	.....
Nutrition investigations .....	20,000	20,000	.....	.....
Irrigation .....	65,000	65,000	.....	.....
Public road inquiries .....	35,000	35,000	.....	.....
Total .....	5,478,160	5,711,240	234,080	1,000

There are but two actual increases in the statutory salaries and these are not made permanent, viz, \$500 to the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and \$500 to the Chief of the Division of Entomology. These increases are in the nature of "additional compensation" only while the offices are held by the present incumbents, and are considered by your committee as a just recognition of very efficient service rendered by these gentlemen at a time when great industries of this country were very seriously threatened, viz, the great meat industry by the foot and mouth disease, and the great cotton industry by the cotton-boll weevil.

The increase in the statutory roll of the office of the Secretary is accounted for by the transfer to that roll of one \$1,600 clerk formerly paid from the lump-sum appropriation of the Bureau of Animal Industry, though he has for some years been employed in the office of the Secretary.

The increase of \$1,000 allowed on the statutory roll of the Weather Bureau is accounted for by the creation of a new position—a meteorologist, who shall have special charge of the river and flood service.

The increase in the statutory roll of the Bureau of Soils is accounted for by the transfer to that roll of two draftsmen who have been heretofore paid from the lump-sum appropriation of that Bureau.

The increase in the statutory roll of the Division of Publications is accounted for by providing that division with a chief clerk at \$1,800 and a second assistant in the document section at \$1,200. The growth of the Division of Publications has been such that your committee feels fully justified in recommending this allowance.

The increase in the statutory roll of the Bureau of Statistics is also accounted for by the allowance of a chief clerk to that Bureau at \$1,800.

The increases in the various lump sum appropriations, as shown by the second table in this report, have been granted by your committee after

full and careful investigations, and are deemed necessary to meet the proper demands made upon the several bureaus, divisions, and sections of the Department.

It has been asserted by some that the United States are not spending enough toward the promotion of agriculture. Having this in mind, your committee requested the Census Bureau to furnish it with statistics showing the amounts spent by the several States and Territories for this purpose, and as near as can be ascertained by that Bureau the aggregate yearly expenditures by the States and Territories is something over \$4,500,000, which, added to the \$6,250,000 spent annually by the United States Government for the same cause, makes a total of \$10,750,000 spent annually for the promotion of agriculture.

Certainly this is a most liberal figure and much more than is being expended by any other government in the world for the same purpose.

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